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TOWN OF DUXBURY

1995 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 11, 1995

DES GYMNASIUM, ST. GEORGE ST. 9AM



SUMMARY OF ARTICLES

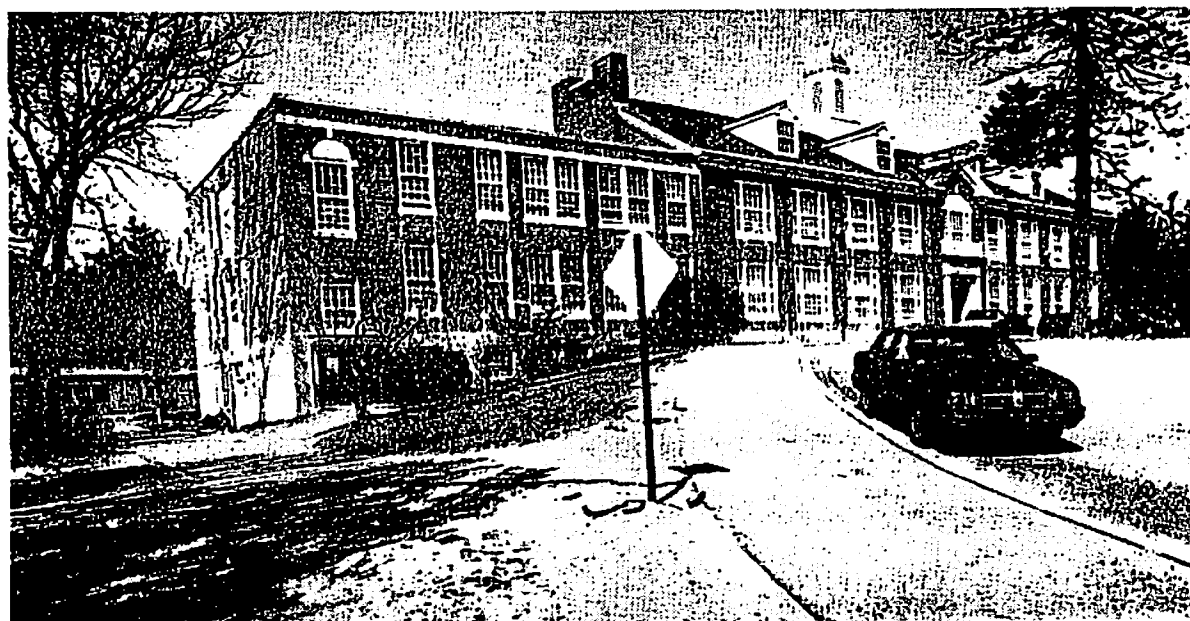
Prediction #1: More voters will attend town meeting on March 11 than will show up at the polls on March 25.

Prediction #2: Despite the number of issues on the docket, Duxbury voters will conduct themselves in their traditionally efficient style and finish both the annual and special town meeting warrants in one day. (Right?)

It is that time of year again...well, it's true that the "time" has shifted a bit since efforts to experiment with different town meeting dates in the past several years brought us back full circle to the second Saturday in March. But as students experience a "year" in semester terms and the federal government celebrates New Year's Day on Oct. 1, municipalities operate on a clock that ticks to the rhythm of the so-called Cherry Sheet, a fiscal year that ends on June 30, and frankly, the relationship between good weather and voter behavior.

Town meeting is seldom boring. It certainly won't be this year. You will be asked to spend a lot of money, so come with checkbooks in hand. For starters, voters will hear a \$3 million plan for a new library, \$1.3 million to build a bigger golf course, just over \$28 million to run the town for the year that begins on July 1, \$1.4 million for a variety of capital projects, \$177,500 to dredge out the harbor, \$100,000 to lease the Beach, and assorted smaller amounts.

There will be voices on all sides of these spending requests, especially the golf course and a plan to rebuild 4 Bluefish River septic systems with town funds that would eventually be repaid by betterment fees. When the special town meeting articles come up, watch for a hoopla over Article 4, which asks for \$48,000 to draw up plans and specifications for a mega septic system that would serve the Snug Harbor commercial district.



Proposed library--Alden Upper Building

We have a hunch that while there's some opposition to the library project, it's become such a *cause celebre* this year that the no-voters won't be saying a whole lot. Duxbury's a funny place. Among its characteristic traits: differences of opinion rarely overpower peer pressure within social (or socio-economic) circles. Translated: For some people, voting against the new library would be like voting against Mom, apple pie, and rules of etiquette.

Gauging by the attendance at last Saturday's pep rally at the Art Complex Museum, featuring Joe Perry from Aerosmith and Lt. Gov. and Mrs. Paul Cellucci, it's quite possible support is there for Alden School to be reincarnated as a public library. This is a long-sought victory for proponents who've worked incredibly hard to secure financing from a combination of private pledges, federal and state grant resources, and now, the town's share.